



LADIES CHOICE

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club Newsletter

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Barbara Van Inwegen, Elaine Botelho, Roxanne Bungert, Sandy Hering and Mary O'Keefe planting daffodil bulbs at the Mattapoissett Police Station.
Photo: Karen Gardner. See more photos on page 6.

Daffodil Planting a success!

Last Friday, October 25, sixteen Club members and three husbands participated in planting well over 1000 King Alfred daffodil bulbs! It was a perfect day, weather wise, for planting – not too sunny and not too warm. We all convened at the gazebo at Shipyard Park at 10:00 AM where those in attendance planted around the gazebo and around the Shipyard Memorial Rock on Water Street. With all hands working together this task was completed by 10:30! We then dispersed with planters going to the other locations designated to be planted. Those areas were Memorial Rocks located at Aucot Road and Route 6 and Route 6 and Church

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The MWC Annual Christmas Luncheon

The Inn on Shipyard Park • Thursday, December 5, 2019

Reservation Form on page 5

Deadline is November 28th. No refunds after November 28th.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

November Luncheon

November 21

11:00 am

Reynard Hall

Mattapoissett Congregational Church

11:30 am Meeting begins

11:45 am Luncheon

12:15 pm Dessert

1:00 pm Meeting resumes

Please note:

These times are general estimate.

Guest Speaker:

Mary Smoyer

Lighting the Way:

Historic Women of SouthCoast

See page 3 for more information

Hostess: Betty Parker

Committee:

Binette, Tina

King, Patricia

Callum, Esther

Layton, Anne

Clifford, Linda

Marum, Eileen

Gray, Doris

Poznysz, Barbara

Bothelo, Elaine

Sites, Kathleen Flahery

Board Meeting

Thursday, November 7

10am - 12pm

Mattapoissett Public

Library Meeting Room

Join our MWC FACEBOOK Group
to keep informed of all
MWC news & events!



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Club Members,

Our October meeting was well attended with 40 of our Club members there to enjoy the luncheon prepared by Susan Perkins and her committee. The unique table decorations reminded us of the coming of Halloween and the talent of Susan Perkins! Our speaker, Library Director Susan Pizzalato, gave us a very informative talk on how to keep alert in this time of invasive information coming our way in our daily lives. We were delighted to have four guests, with two of the ladies joining our Club. Please welcome Pat Goss and Blaise Simpson when you see them at a meeting or "out and about town".

Once again, the audit of the Treasurer's books was performed by our Audit Committee finding all records in order. Thank you, ladies, for stepping forward to perform this task.

I was amazed at the response to my request for items that will be sent to women serving in the military! An email was sent the day before the meeting and I couldn't believe the immediate response by Club members! Items are still coming in and Marianne Hickey and I plan to be sending the complete list of requested items out in the very near future. I am hoping that this endeavor will continue long after I am no longer president of the MWC. (Please note the email which has been sent regarding Christine Voss and her volunteering to collect items at her home @ 30 North Street).

I received a "thank you" from a Lion's Club member for the donations of baked goodies that our MWC members provided for their Free Fun Family Festival on Saturday, October 19th. I am most appreciative to our Club for supporting the Mattapoisett Lion's Club event.

Please remember to honor our veterans on November 11th and, if you are able, please try to attend the ringing of the bells at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church @ 11:00 AM.

Fondly,
Roxanne Bungert
President, MWC

"It is no longer good enough to cry peace, we must act peace, live peace, and live in peace."

~ Native American Proverb

Attention Members:

We are looking for suggestions for programs/ speakers for 2020/2021. Please contact [Carole Clifford](#) or [Eileen Marum](#) with any ideas.

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If you know of an upcoming event in the area that might be of interest to Club Members please forward the information to [Roxanne Bungert](#).

Thank you!

Please note: *We will review for publication suitability in our newsletter.*



November Meeting

Thursday, November 21, 2019
Reynard Hall,
Mattapoisett Congregational Church

Guest Speaker: **Mary Smoyer**

Lighting the Way: Historic Women
of SouthCoast

Lighting the Way: Historic Women of South-Coast is unearthing remarkable stories of women's callings that required grit, tenacity, and enduring commitment to their families, careers and communities. LTW explores the historical impact of women from the region. As educators and philanthropists, abolitionists and crusaders for social justice, investors and confectioners, sister sailors and millworkers, women from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds have shaped their SouthCoast communities, the nation and the world.

LTW is amplifying history by revealing these previously untold stories of vision, determination, and perseverance, and by exploring connections between historical figures, while enhancing our understanding of history, and enriching the cultural life of the SouthCoast. Mary has been on the Steering Committee of LTW since the beginning and has worked on a similar project in Boston for decades. She lives in Marion in the summer, and her paternal ancestors are Howlands, all from New Bedford.

[Learn more about Lighting the Way](#)

Daffodil Planting

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Street, the newly established planting area at the Police Station, around the flagpole at the library, several areas at the Town Hall, the Welcome Sign at the entrance to Industrial Park on North Street and, finally, the traffic island at the intersection of River Road/Acushnet Road. Still to be planted is the newly established area at the triangle east of the Oxford Creamery and in front of the information board at Route 6 and North Street.

I would like to extend a HUGE thank you to those who helped plant, the Mattapoisett Lion's Club for their monetary donation, Mahoney's Building Supply for donating soil, Barry Denham, the Highway Surveyor, and his crew, for preparing the various sites and, last but not least, Brad Hathaway, husband of former member Priscilla, who provided white daffodil bulbs to be planted on Aucoot Road in Priscilla's memory. I would also like to thank our own Club member, Barbara Van Inwegen, for arranging to sell bulbs to Club members in support of the Daffodil Project.

Several positive comments have been received with anticipation of the glow of happiness that will be provided when these daffodils bloom next spring. Thank you, one and all, for supporting this project.



GROUPS SCHEDULES

Garden Group

Wednesday, November 6

9:00am

As announced at the October MWC meeting and in subsequent emails, the Garden Group **will not** be meeting at the library on November 6th. Instead, those who have reserved a seat in advance will attend the **Marion Garden Group's** lecture on the same day at 9 am, "*From The White House to Your House*", learning from floral designer and former White House florist, **Ruth Loiseau** about her experiences.

At the end of the month we will be cutting greens for use in our Town Christmas Decorating during the weekend following Thanksgiving, so look for updates on the website and from Karen and Sandy to let you know the date and time.

Bridge I Group

First Tuesday of the month

Tuesday, November 5

12:30pm

Host: Betty Parker

Bridge II Group

Second Tuesday of the month

Tuesday, November 11

12:00pm - 4:00pm

Host: Jackie Slade

Fourth Tuesday of the month

Tuesday, November 26

12:00pm - 4:00pm

Host: Barbara Thommen

Knitting, Crocheting, Needlework & More Group

No meeting in November

Great Decisions

8 weeks beginning in January 2020

More information coming soon!

Mattapoisett Public Library Meeting Room

Literature Group

Wednesday, November 6

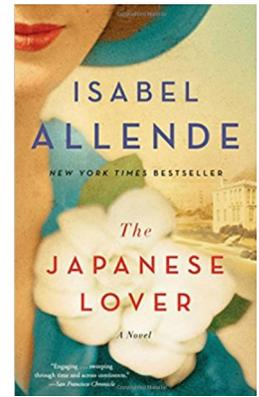
9:30 am

Host: Ruth Ann Walega

The November meeting of the Literature Group will be at the home of Ruth Ann Walega, 24 North Street, Wednesday, November 13 at 9:30 am. The discussion

book is "*The Japanese Lover*" by Isabel Allende. We welcome any new members who would like to join us. Please come even if you haven't read the book.

From New York Times bestselling author Isabel Allende, "a magical and sweeping" (Publishers Weekly, starred review) love story and multigenerational epic that stretches from San Francisco in the present-day to Poland and the United States during World War II.



Social Cocktail Group

Friday, December 15

5:00pm - 7:00pm

The holiday season is quickly approaching and calendars will fill fast. Members of the Social Cocktail Group current and new, will gather at the home of Susan and Barry Perkins (23 North Street) to celebrate on December 15th. Guests should bring an appetizer and beverage/s of choice.

Please RSVP to 508 758 2511

or text 508 287 4154

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For details on each MWC Group visit:

www.MattapoisettWomansClub.org

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON DECEMBER 5, 2019*

The Mattapoissett Women's Club Christmas Luncheon will be held at The Inn on Shipyard Park, 13 Water Street, Mattapoissett on Thursday, December 5, 2019.

The cost is \$25 which includes tax and gratuity.

Arrival time is 11:30 with lunch to be served at Noon.

The meal includes garden salad, coffee or tea and dessert. Please print this form and choose one of the three entree choices below and send along with a check for \$25 made payable to Mattapoissett Woman's Club (or MWC)**:

Lois Ennis, 5 Pine Island Road, Mattapoissett, MA 02739

Reservation deadline is November 28. No refunds after November 28.

RESERVATION FORM

Please choose your entrée by November 28, 2019

- Baked haddock, white wine, lemon, herb crumb finish, jasmine rice, fresh seasonal vegetable.
- Marinated steak tips, mashed potato, fresh seasonal vegetable.
- Pumpkin Ravioli – amaretto, brown butter-sage cream tossed with honey nut squash, kale & toasted hazelnuts.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

(Only if information needs to be corrected in the Blue Book)

Enclose check payable to Mattapoissett Woman's Club (or MWC)** and mail to:
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*Note Early Reservation Date **Payment can also be given directly to Lois Ennis.

Trip to the Green Animals Topiary Garden ~ October 2



Members of the Garden Group at the Green Animals Topiary Garden in Rhode Island



Daffodil Planting Around Town ~ October 25



Left: Michael Voss, Marianne Hickey and Elaine Botelho planting daffodil bulbs at the Mattapoisett Town Hall. Photographer: Christine Voss.



Right: Mary Jackson and Elaine Grant planting at Aucoot Road and Rt. 6. Photo: Karen Gardner.

Daffodil Planting Around Town ~ October 25



Working hard at the Mattapoissett Town Police Station. Photo: Karen Gardner.



*Left: Susan Perkins, Sharon Doyon and Barbara Ketchel (standing) at the Mattapoissett Public Library
Right: Barbara Van Inwegen, Roxanne Bungert and Myra Hartplanting at Town Welcome Sign, North Street. Photos: Karen Gardner.*



Taking a well-deserved break for lunch at Shipyard Galley. Photo: Karen Gardner.

Spectacle Of Trees

Sharon Doyon, Kathy McAuliffe, Sue Mitchell and Susan Perkins are working diligently on decorating a 7' artificial tree for the **Heidrea for Heroes** organization. This tree will be displayed at the Cape Cod Mall in Hyannis from late November 25th until December 14th. (If you have an opportunity to go to Hyannis between those dates we would appreciate your support for our ladies and the H4H organization).

The H4H organization will provide gifts which will be included under the tree. Patrons will have an opportunity to bid on those items and the winner will also "win" the tree. Our decorating committee will also decorate a wreath which will be bid on during the VIP party on the Friday night previous to the displaying of the trees. This is not a fundraiser for the MWC; however it is a fundraiser for the H4H organization. They provide various programs for veterans which we, hopefully, will be involved with in the future.



About Heidrea for Heroes

Heidrea for Heroes provides custom support and resources to assist veterans through a wide variety of challenges that can arise in civilian life. Veterans and military widows of all ages and all war eras are eligible to apply to us for assistance in the following areas: Plymouth County, Norfolk County, Bristol, and Barnstable counties.



For more information about this organization vist www.heidrea4heroes.org



FUNDRAISER REMINDER:

Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote

The latest fundraiser for the Club is a 100% organic cotton bag which introduces the theme of this year's programs.

We will be celebrating women and the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote throughout the year. The cost of these bags is \$15.00 each and will be available for sale at our monthly meetings.

Give these bags as gifts for those on your gifts or for yourself to use as a reusable grocery bag to replace the single use plastic bag.



Bells of Remembrance 2018 at Mattapoisett Congregational Church

Letter from Mary O'Keefe regarding the Bells of Remembrance:

I would just like to give a thank you to officers Kathy McAuliffe, Roxanne Bungert and Carole Clifford for their support for the project. A special thank you to the ladies who joined in last year to canvas the South Coast and get 66 churches and municipal buildings. I always felt the memberships' support and I am grateful. This year I sent a personal thank you from our Club and encouraged all who participated last year to continue the tradition and many have responded in the positive. All thanked our Club for our work and idea.

I decided, this year, to try to get the support of the media, radio and TV, both local and Boston stations. I contacted Armed Forces Committees and the Department of Veterans Services groups. I reached out to politicians from President Trump and his re-election committee chairwoman to congressmen and congresswomen and senators, both at their local and DC addresses. I made contact, again, with Mayor Walsh and Governor Baker. In all I made 75-100 contacts, as well as a few new churches on the South Coast.



I hope I represented you proudly and I wait for replies. This will, however, be the last year that I will head up this project. We need the "powers that be" to get involved in order to succeed. I have tried, believe it or not, for 10 years, a time goal I set for myself. I have talked and worked with other groups and people with similar ideas in the United States and Canada. It is something everybody wants but seems beyond our reach to attain.

I certainly encourage anyone who would like to take it over the Bells of Remembrance program to do so but, if not, I know you will all be sure to remember our Vets, in your own personal way, on their special day. Heidrea 4 Heroes will be our new involvement, helping our local Vets, and their families, with the needs they face. I have come to learn that PTSD and suicide are such epidemic problems now that it has to be the main concern of us all to assist the men and women who put life on hold for us. Hopefully the service and the support we give will resonate louder than any bell could have.

Respectfully,

Mary O'Keefe